

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office Action (1) rejected claims 22-25, 30-35, and 37-42 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Huebner (U.S. Pat. 4,950,377) in view of Obinata (U.S. Pat. 4,624,767); and (2) stated that claims 26-29 and 36 would be allowable if written in independent form. Thus, Applicant has rewritten claims 22-25, 27-28, and 30-35 accordingly.

Applicant has canceled the remaining claims without prejudice to overcome the Examiner's rejection. Applicant reserves the right to include these claims in a continuation application.

In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now pending in the subject patent application should be allowable, and a timely Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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